ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS **AMERICAN REINVESTMENT & RECOVERY ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) PROJECT**CITY OF WILMINGTON, NC

17TH STREET/MUSEUM DRIVE MULTI-USE PATH PHASE 1 PROJECT NUMBER: PAV-SE-1009

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-129 and the Code of Federal Regulations 23 CFR 635 Subpart A, sealed proposals addressed to the Purchasing Manager, P. O. Box 1810, 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, NC 28402, and marked "17th Street/Museum Drive Multi-Use Path Phase 1, Project No. PAV-SE-1009" will be received until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 1, 2009 at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Purchasing Division, 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, NC. The City will receive SINGLE PRIME BIDS ONLY for this project.

This **ARRA FUNDED PROJECT** consists of the construction of an asphalt multi-use pathway connecting Museum Drive to Halyburton Park and then connecting Halyburton Park to John D. Barry Street with both routes primarily paralleling 17th Street, with a small section along Museum Drive. The path will have a graded gravel shoulder and will include several small drainage devices.

The following ARRA Provisions apply to this project: Davis-Bacon, Buy America, and Jobs Reporting.

All firms submitting bids for the proposed work must be properly licensed under Chapter 87, N. C. General Statutes. The bidder's license number must appear on the outside of the envelope. **All firms submitting bids for this project must be pre-qualified with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.** Bids received from firms that are not pre-qualified will not be opened.

In accordance with the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Policy, the bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined by the Bid Specifications, to subcontract 5.0% of the dollar value of the prime contract to businesses certified as DBE's by the NC-DOT.

Potential Subcontract opportunities which may exist on this project include, but may not be limited to asphalt paving, concrete, erosion control, hauling, excavating, grading, pavement markings, traffic control, storm drain and other items not specifically referenced herein.

If the bidder fails to achieve the contract goal stated herein, it is required to provide documentation demonstrating that it made a good faith effort in attempting to meet the established goals. A bid which fails to meet these requirements will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the above address. All parties interested in the project are invited to attend.

Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents are available for review at the Office of the Purchasing Manager, 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, NC and the Associated General Contractor's Plan Room in Fayetteville, FW Dodge Plan Room in Raleigh and Wilmington, and the Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas in Raleigh.

Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents are available at the Office of the Purchasing Manager, Wilmington, NC at the above address.

Potential subcontractors may secure a list of potential prime contractors from the Purchasing Manager at the above address.

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate of the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

Bids for this project shall be guaranteed by all bidders for a period of 60 calendar days following the bid opening.

THE CITY OF WILMINGTON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

Daryle L Parker Purchasing Manager Advertised: Thursday, August 27, 2009